

# ACCESSIBLE VOTING FOR EVERYONE

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## National Camps for the Blind

Sunset Lake Camp • Enumclaw, WA • June 20, 2006



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The King County Elections Outreach Team held a 20-minute demonstration for a group of 45 people with a range of visual disabilities at the National Camps for the Blind at Sunset Lake. Members from the National Camp for the Blind received the presentation and demonstration of the accessible voting unit (AVU) with excitement and interest.

The Outreach Team demonstrated the new equipment and the useful features that allow voters with visual disabilities to cast a more independent ballot for the first time. The demonstration entailed a complete walk-thru of the voting process, using a combination of the audio ballot and the touch screen ballot.

There was a question and answer session following the demonstration and many individuals wanted to know how to contact their county auditors for the best way to utilize accessible voting units in their communities. Participants were eager to have the option of voting a private ballot in their communities.

The Outreach Team received input from the audience about how to make the equipment even more accessible to voters.

More than 15 people cast a demonstration ballot on the machines and two people registered to vote for the first time.



Left:  
A camper votes a demonstration ballot at the Sunset Lake event. This fall he will cast his ballot without assistance for the first time.

### Audience:

45 individuals with  
visual and mental disabilities

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## National Camps for the Blind

Established in 1967, the National Camps for the Blind provides persons with visual disabilities unique opportunities to enrich their lifestyles and expand their sense of self.

The camps work with individuals of all ages to overcome mental and physical obstacles through participation in horseback riding, archery, canoeing, music, crafts, and many other self-confidence building activities.

Camps are located at 12 locations across North America and offer access to an extensive lending library consisting of more than 1,700 books available in Braille and audio cassettes for personal and educational use and for individuals with visual disabilities.

National Camps for the Blind serve approximately 100,000 persons with visual disabilities a year, and seek to provide their services free of cost in order to serve as many members of the visually disabled community as possible each year.



King County Elections Outreach Team member Robyn London helps camper, James, fill out his voter registration form. James will be one of many individuals to use the AVU equipment in upcoming elections.



Left: Recent Washington State School for the Blind graduate, Jessica Peterson and King County Elections staff Courtney Caswell. Next year, Jessica will be starting the LIFTT program, Learning Independence For Today and Tomorrow, A program offered by the WSSB to teach skills for adulthood to young adults who are blind/visually impaired.